

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 718

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Chris Martin upon being chosen to represent the University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate 4-H at the National Agriculture Day Experience.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and who, through their exploits, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Chris Martin, who was recently chosen to represent the University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate 4-H at the National Agriculture Day Experience in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on March 6-8, 2012, Mr. Martin, along with students from across the country, will converge in our nation's capitol to meet the United States Secretary of Agriculture, participate in training sessions, meet with legislators from the Volunteer State, and network with other college students who share his passion for agriculture; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lincoln County, Mr. Chris Martin is currently a student at the University of Tennessee at Martin (UTM) where he has achieved academic success while majoring in Agriculture Communications and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving as a Tennessee State Future Farmers of America (FFA) Officer, Coordinator for the UTM Agriculture Awareness Day, UTM Collegiate FFA President, Producer of the Mid-South Agriculture Cast Web Series, National FFA Alumni, participant in the International Leadership Seminar in China, and member of the Student Government Association General Assembly, Tennessee Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers, and National Agricultural Marketing Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to distinguishing himself in the classroom, Mr. Martin has also amassed an impressive resume, serving with acumen and alacrity as the Student Assistant for the UTM Agriculture, Geosciences, and Natural Resources; Field Sales Intern for the Monsanto Company; and Sales Intern for the Tennessee Farmer's Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, strongly committed to community and public service, he also endeavored to serve his fellow citizens through volunteer work with the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Lincoln County Literacy Council; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Chris Martin earned the Governor's Youth Achievement Award, an American FFA Degree, and was named the Runner-Up in the 2011 Tennessee Farm Bureau Colligate Discussion Meet; and

WHEREAS, Chris Martin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future successes; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his brother and sister, his community, and this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin's dedication to excellence and agriculture is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Chris Martin for being chosen to represent the University of Tennessee at Martin Collegiate 4-H at the National Agriculture Day Experience, applaud his dedicated work within the 4-H, and extend to him our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.